

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4 are independent. Claims 1, 3, and 4 are hereby amended. Claims 7-20, which were subjected to a restriction requirement, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically on pages 7-9. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action objected to the title. The title is hereby amended, without prejudice, from "EDITING DEVICE AND METHOD" to --EDITING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EXTRACTING SPECIFIED PORTIONS OF EDITING MATERIAL--

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,661,965 to Yamamoto, et al.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Independent claim 1, as amended, now recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein a plurality of said markers is recorded on said tape-shaped medium for a specified instant, **each marker includes time data, frame data, and an incremented data serial number code and is recorded for a specified number of frames...**”
(emphasis added)

U.S. Patent No. 6,661,965 to Yamamoto, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Yamamoto”) relates to an editing apparatus and method that when applied to an editing system using an information processing apparatus makes possible execution of various aspects of editing.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Yamamoto that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of amended independent claim 1.

Specifically, Yamamoto fails to disclose or suggest that a plurality of said markers is recorded on said tape-shaped medium for a specified instant, each marker includes time data, frame data, and an incremented data serial number code and is recorded for a specified number of frames, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is believed to be patentable

For reasons similar to those described above, amended independent claim 4 is believed to be patentable.

V. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

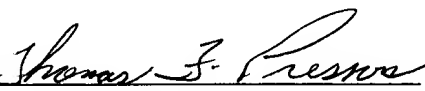
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate the portion, or portions, of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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